

THIS WEEKEND		2nd Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 9th Dec	5.00pm	St O	Philomena Mellows		
	6.30pm	St T	Swarbrick, Atherton + Coleman Families		
Sun 10th Dec	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Maria Williams, Anthony O'Donnell + Parishioners Int.		
	9.30am	St T	Fr Tom Leigh		
	11.00am	St MM	Eileen Leahy, John McDonagh		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 11th Dec	9.15am	St T	Holy Souls		
	9.30am	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft		
Tues 12th Dec	9.15am	St T	Liz Blackburn		
	9.30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions		
Wed 13th Dec	9.30am	St MM	Gladys Emmett		
Thu 14th Dec	9.30am	St O	Mary Leyfield		
	7.00pm	St T	Cath Alexander + Paddy Donnelly		
Fri 15th Dec	9.15am	St T	Marty Kilcoyne		
	9.30am	St O	Jean Pattern		
NEXT WEEKEND		3rd Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 16th Dec	11.00am	St O	SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION		
	5.00pm	St O	Frances Duigan, Roy Tilling + Helen Whiteside		
	6.30pm	St T	Peter Jones, Thomas Clarkson		
Sun 17th Dec	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Private Intention		
	9.30am	St T	Norma + Neville Barlow, Jim Breen + Deceased members of the Stuart Family, Margaret + Don Goodwin		
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Cotter, Deceased relatives + friends of the Hardman family		

Confessions: Saturday 23rd Dec 10.00am and on request.

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2nd Sunday of ADVENT

10th December 2017

Prepare a way for the Lord



The readings this week invite us to prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus into our lives and our hearts, both at Christmas and every day. In this time of Advent, we ask the Lord to free us from all that would hinder us following him

more closely, so that we may be messengers of Good News for others.

Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father

For the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus , you Son.

Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:

a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage

And that pits out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts

Be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mass times for Christmas:

Christmas Eve:

5.00pm St Teresa's, 5.00pm St Mary Magdalen's,

6.30pm St Oswald's

10.00pm St Teresa's.

Christmas Day: 8.30am St Oswald's, 10.00am St Teresa's.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday 23rd Dec: 5.00pm at St O, 5.00pm at St MM. Sat 6.30pm at St T.

Sunday 24th December 8.30am at St O and 9.30am at St T. (No 11.00am Mass that day.)

Advent Services of Reconciliation:

Saturday 16th December at 11.00am at St Oswald's

Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St Teresa's.

Wednesday 20th December, a Pastoral Area Service with individual confessions at St Mary's Leyland at 7.00pm.

There will be confessions on Sat 23rd Dec at 10.00am in St T and St O.

St Mary Magdalen's Christmas Coffee Morning raised £770. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Knit-a-Bit: St T Church meeting Room Monday from 10.00am until 12 noon. The SVP will provide a lift if needed. Phone Catherine on 740569.

St O Coffee Morning: On Sunday 10th Dec at 10.30am we will be having a mince pie and tea/coffee morning in the church hall.

Penwortham Food Bank. Why not try a reverse Advent calendar—during Advent buy these items and give them to the foodbank: hot dogs, corned beef, ham, meatballs, Irish stew, Tinned mince or stewing steak or curries, Fray Bentos pies, meat/fish paste, custard, rice pudding, tins of fruit, small packs of tea bags, tinned peas and carrots. Make a bag up and bring it to any of our 3 churches. Thank you.

St Oswald's Caritas: The last lunch club was a lovely occasion, the children again adding so much. The next one is **Thu** 21st December. (note change of day, just for this one.) Children from St O school will sing carols.

CARITAS - SVP Christmas collection to help those in need in our local area this weekend, at all the Masses. Thank you.

Baptism this weekend at St T for Olivia Salisbury and Jacob Banks.

Flower Collection: 16th and 17th December - to help pay for the flowers and decorations in our 3 churches.

Christmas Choir: Rehearsal for 10.00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be at St Teresa's on Tuesday 19th December at 8.00pm.

ST O Red Mission Boxes: Please will all holders of these in St Oswald's parish bring them in and leave them in the side chapel for collection next and following Sundays.

St T + St MM Readers: New rotas are to be collected from the Sacristy.

Help for the Homeless: Gloves + hats are needed, please take to St MM. Thank you to those who have already made some lovely knitted hats etc. for those who are homeless.

Gift Aid: We have just received the tax refund for St MM and St T for 2016-7. For St MM it was £5260.83 and for St T £9722.19 Thank you to Andy and to Andrea and to all who gift aid. This amount will pay our church heating bill for 2017-18! (It was £8,000 last year.)

CAFOD: The sale of cakes outside of church done by some Year 9 pupils from All Hallows raised £222.56 for CAFOD, thank you for your support.

St. Teresa's Ladies Association: Would all going to the Christmas meal on Tuesday please meet at San Marco at 12.30pm for lunch at 1.00pm .

New Head: We promise our prayers for Chris Horrocks who has been appointed as the new Head at All Hallows from September 2018.

Christmas Quiz: at St Teresa's Parish Centre on Friday 15th Dec. 8.45pm. Free entry, spot prizes and food. Come along. Why not visit the new St Teresa's Gin Bar - exciting gins now on sale.

All Hallows Pensioners Party Fri 15th begins 1.30pm (ends at 3.30pm). There are still places left. Please sign the list at St T by Sun (10th).

Lay Funeral Ministers: The next Diocesan Course is Feb 21st and 22nd at LACE. If anyone feels they could help minister in this important way please see Fr Philip or Fr Michael.